

INFORMATION SHEET

ADULT GROUP CARE HOMES

- Plans for the construction of new facilities or the remodeling of existing facilities must be submitted to the state fire marshal and the local authority for approval before construction or remodeling begins. *NAC 449.179*
- All newly licensed facilities must be equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system. *NFPA 1: 13.3.2.12.6 [CLV Ordinance #5667]*
- All newly licensed facilities shall be equipped with a manual fire alarm system. *NAC 477*
- Smoke detectors that receive their primary power from the building's wiring and have battery back-up shall be installed in all sleeping rooms, lounge, and recreation areas. *NAC 477.560*
- Smoke detectors must be maintained in proper operating condition at all times and must be tested monthly. The results of the tests must be recorded and maintained at the facility. *NAC 449.229*
- A fire drill shall be held at least once a month and recorded documentation kept on hand. *NAC 449.229*
- An evacuation plan must be posted in a conspicuous place. *NAC 449.229*
- There must be two unobstructed exits directly to the outside. *NFPA 101:21.2.4*
- Security bars, gates or other barriers are not allowed on windows or doors. *NAC 449.229*
- In rooms used for sleeping, windows must be openable from the inside. Windows must have a minimum height dimension of 24 inches, minimum width dimension of 20 inches, and minimum sill height of not more than 44 inches above the floor. *NAC 449.218*
- Bedroom, bathroom and closet doors must be openable from the inside. The doors of the bedroom, bathroom and closets may have locks if they can be unlocked from outside the room with keys that are readily available at all times. *NAC 449.220 & 449.222*
- A fire extinguisher with a minimum 2-A:10-B:C rating must be installed with the top no higher than 5 feet from the floor and be within 75 feet travel distance. Extinguishers must be serviced yearly by a state licensed agency. *NAC 449.229*
- Heaters, wood stoves, fireplaces, or other similar devices shall be separated from the main part of the room by a non-combustible partition, wire screen, or protective metal guard. No portable heating devices or unvented wall heaters are allowed. *NAC 449.229*
- Emergency lighting required to be installed in all exit paths and corridors. *NRS 477.120*

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- Extension cords shall not to be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. *NFPA 1: 11.1.5*

EXCEPTION: Circuit breaker protected multiple outlet strips plugged directly into outlet

- Smoking may be conducted in designated areas. These areas must be provided with non-combustible receptacles. *NFPA1: 10.10*

The items listed are basic information only. Codes are subject to change. Additional requirements may apply.

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